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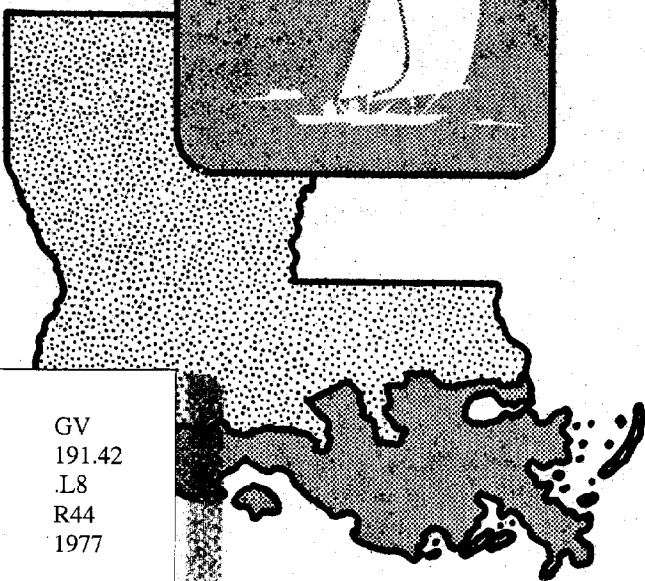
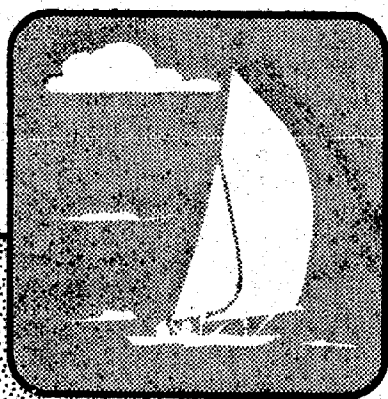
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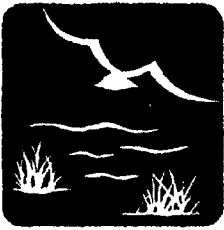
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Dear Ms. Klaasse:

Enclosed are two copies of a report entitled "Recreational Potential Along the Louisiana Coast; Proposed New and Expanded Sites for Recreation" which we would like to have included in the NTIS program. One copy is for the OCZM library, and one copy is for transfer to the NTIS offices.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL
Proposed New and Expanded Sites for Recreation
Along the Louisiana Coast

The Louisiana coast is heavily used for recreation, with the most popular activities being motor boating, picnicking, beach swimming, water skiing and camping. Heavy use is the primary cause of overuse or crowding of existing facilities for these and other recreational activities. This is particularly true of beaches, campgrounds and parks in the vicinity of urban areas. In addition, boat launching ramps experience heavy crowding from fishermen and hunters during certain seasons. According to the Fish and Wildlife Study of the Louisiana Coastal Area (1974), the greatest need is for picnicking, camping and boat launching facilities in the vicinity of Lake Pontchartrain and the Atchafalaya Basin. The need for swimming beaches is greatest in the vicinity of the major urban centers.

The following list, arranged by parish, contains recommendations for both expansion of existing facilities and new potential sites in areas where facilities are now nonexistent. New potential recreational sites include levees and battures, fishing piers, spoil banks along certain waterways, selected private beaches, salt domes, chenier ridges, and swamp parks. Providing access or facilities in previously remote natural areas should be carefully controlled so as not to subject sensitive areas to overuse. Sites have been recommended with the goal of providing additional recreational opportunity to areas that can withstand additional use. No sites have been recommended that would encourage development in remote natural areas. The sources for these recommendations are the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 1975-80 prepared by the Louisiana State Parks and Recreation Commission, field investigations by staff professionals at Burk and Associates, Inc., Governor's Commission on the Atchafalaya Basin (1972), future recreation sites projected by the coastal Regional Planning Commissions, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (New Orleans District) and questionnaires sent to parish officials by the State Planning Office. The list identifies the recommended sites by name, describes the type of facility proposed, and refers to the source and corresponding map number on the accompanying map of Potential Recreation Areas.

Ascension Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
1	McElroy Swamp	Nature observation, swamp park	1,2
2	Blind River	Boating, nature observation	1,2
3	Amite River	Camping, boating, swimming	6

Assumption Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
4	Lake Verret (Attakapas Landing and Shell Beach)	Expanded camping, picnicking and improved boat launching	1,6
5	LA. 70	Scenic Road	1

Calcasieu Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
6	Gum Cove Ridge	Picnicking, camping, hunting in an area of pimple mounds and prairie marsh	1
7	Houston River	Expanded boating, swimming facilities	1

Cameron Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
8	Little Chenier	Proposed state park; chenier ridge with potential for improved camping, fishing and picnicking facilities	1
9	Hackberry Beach	Chenier ridge and beach on the Gulf at mouth of Mermentau River; swimming, camping, fishing picnicking	1
10	Rutherford Beach State Park	Expanded camping and picnicking facilities	2
11	Private Sand Beach between Ocean View Beach and Cameron including Peveto Beach and Holly Beach	Improved camping, fishing and picnicking facilities	2
12	LA. 82	Scenic road part of the Creole Nature Trail - numerous scenic sites	2

Iberia Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
13	Lake Fausse Pointe	Proposed state park; needs camping and boating facilities	1, 4
14	LA. 83-319	Scenic road to Weeks Island and Cypremort Point	1
15	Lake Dauterive	Boating, hunting. Existing small sand beach on north shore	6

Iberville Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
16	Grand Bayou Mound	Indian mound and midden on west bank of Grand Bayou. Potential camping and picnic area	1
17	Bayou Sorrel	Improved boat launch	5

Jefferson Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
18	Grand Isle	Expanded camping & picnicking facilities. Louisiana's most accessible and popular sand beach	1
19	Fort Livingston	Expanded tourist facilities in this historic fort	1, 2
20	Elmer's Island	Private beach east of Grand Isle	2
		Improved camping, picnicking and boat launching	
21	Jean Lafitte Park	Nature and swamp park. Boat trails, fishing, camping, interpretive center	6
22	Lafitte	Boat launch	2
23	Harahan-Kenner Batture Park	Camping, picnicking, horseback riding	2
24	River Road	Scenic historic road; potential picnic sites & wayside parks	2
25	Linear Park	Proposed bike trails, picnicking, fishing piers along shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain	2, 6
26	Suburban Canal	Boat launch	2
27	Duncan Canal	Boat launch	2

Jefferson Davis Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
28	Bayou Lacassine	Boating, fishing	6
29	Mermentau River	Boating, fishing	6
30	Lake Arthur	Boating, fishing, swimming	6

Lafourche Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
31	Cutoff-Golden Meadow area	Improved boat launching, salt water fishing	1
32	The Temple	Lafitte treasure site; potential picnicking and camping area	1
33	Lac Des Allemands	Fishing, camping	1,2
34	Lake Fields	Fishing	1
35	Little Lake	Fishing, crabbing, shrimping	1
36	Leeville	Boat launch	2
37	Cheniere Caminada Beach Ridges	Bird watching, wildlife observation	2
38	Fourchon	Sand beach on the Gulf, Potential camping, picnicking, swimming	2,6

Livingston Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
39	Natalbany River	Camping, fishing, improved access	1

Orleans Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
40	Lake Catherine	Expanded camping & picnicking	1,2
41	South Shore	Improved boat launch and fishing pier in Lake Pontchartrain just east of I-10	2
42	Fort McComb	Historical site; picnic area	2
43	Spoil bank along MRGO at junction of Intra-coastal Waterway	Fishing pier, boat launch, camping	2
44	English Turn Park	Wilderness Park	6
45	Old Lincoln Beach	Camping, boating, swimming	6

Plaquemines Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
46	Venice	Enlarged marina & boat launch	2
47	Fort Jackson	Historic fort; camping and picnicking	1
48	Myrtle Grove	Boat launch	2
49	Fort de la Boulaye	Camping, picnicking	6
50	Caernarvon Canal	Improved boat launch	2,5

St. Bernard Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
51	St. Bernard State Park	Boating, camping, picnicking, biking, fishing	1,6
52	LA. 46	Scenic road, roadside parks, historical tours	2
53	Fort Beauregard	Picnicking, historical interpretation	2
54	Hopedale-end of La.46	Potential camping, picnicking and boat launching facilities at junction of MRGO and Bayou la Loutre	2
55	Bayou Bienvenue area	General recreational development	2
56	Chandeleur Islands	Boat camping, surf fishing, bird watching	2

St. Charles Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
57	Bayou Trapanier and Bayou Labranch	Natural and Scenic waterways-boating, camping, fishing	1
58	Bayou Des Allemands	Natural and Scenic waterway-boating, camping, fishing	2
59	Bonnet Carre Spillway	Improved access for boating, camping, fishing, picnicking	6
60	Batture Park near Destrehan (east bank)	Camping, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking	6
61	25 Acre Park	General recreation	6
62	Boutte Park (4 acres)	General recreation	6
63	50 Acre Park south of Boutte	General recreation	6

St. Charles Parish (Cont'd.)

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
64	Batture Park (west bank)	Camping, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking	6
65	Des Allemands along Bayou Des Allemands	Boat launch	6
66	Paradis	Boat launch	6
67	New Highway (west bank)	Boat launch	6
68	Hahnville	Boat launch	6

St. James Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
69	Blind River	Boating, nature observation, Improved boat launch	2
70	Bayou Chevreuil and Highway 20	Boat launch	2

St. John the Baptist Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
71	Frenier Beach	Boat launch, camping, picnicking, fishing	2
72	Reserve Relief Canal and Airline Highway	Improved boat launch	2
73	Ruddock	Boat launch	2

St. Martin Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
74	LA. 70	Scenic road, wayside parks	1
75	Bayou La Rose	Camping and picnicking	3
76	Lake Mongoulois	Camping and picnicking	3
77	Flat Lake	Camping and picnicking	3
78	Grand Lake	Camping and picnicking	3
79	Henderson	Boat launch, enlarged recreational facilities	4
80	Atchafalaya	Boating	4
81	Butte la Rose	Camping	4

St. Mary Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
82	Burns Point	Beach area, camping, picnicking, boating	1, 4, 6
83	LA. 83 - 319	Scenic road	1
84	Cypremort Point	Existing man-made beach, swimming, boating, camping	1, 4, 6
85	Cote Blanche Island	Salt dome; potential for camping, hiking trails	2
86	Grand Lake	Camping, boating, swimming	4
87	Lake Palourde	Picnicking and sailing area	4, 6

St. Tammany Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
88	Mouth of Tchefuncte River	Boat launch	5
89	Mouth of Bayou Lacombe	Boat launch	5
90	Junction I-10 and West Pearl River	Boat launch	2
91	Honey Island Swamp	Hiking trails, nature observation, boating	2
92	Old Highway 11 and East Pearl River	Boat launch	2

Tangipahoa Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
93	Manchac	Improved boat launch, camping, picnicking, fishing	1, 6

Terrebonne Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
94	Gibson	Camping, picnicking on Indian Mound	1
95	Intracoastal Waterway near Houma	Skiing, swimming	1
96	Lake Boudreaux	Beach potential	6

Terrebonne Parish (Cont'd.)

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
97	Bayou Du Large	Hunting, fishing, boating	6
98	Dulac	Hunting, fishing, boating	1, 6
99	Cocodrie	Fishing	1, 2
100	Isle Dernieres	Boat camping on beach, swimming, and fishing (proposed state preservation area)	1
101	Timbalier Island	Boat camping on beach, surf fishing, swimming	2

Vermilion Parish

<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposed Use or Facility</u>	<u>Source</u>
102	Palmetto Island	Proposed state preservation area, camping, hiking, picnicking	1
103	Chenier au Tigre	Chenier ridge and beach, camping, fishing, boating, swimming	1, 4
104	Schooner Bayou Canal	Boat launch	2
105	Intracoastal City	Boat launch	2
106	Intracoastal Waterway near Gum Island	Boat launch	4

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